

Williamsburg Area Arts Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 9, 2010
City of Williamsburg Quarterpath Recreation Center
Conference Room

Attendance

Present: Sophie Hart, Laura Barry, Polly Bartlett, Terry Buntrock, Les Dubnick, Michael Kirby, Lanette McNeil, Paul Tongue, Shelley Weisberg and City Liaison Julie Phares

Welcome and Public Comment

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

No members of the public were present.

Approval of the Minutes

Adoption of the November 2, 2009 minutes was moved by Mr. Dubnick and seconded by Mr. Tongue. Minutes were approved unanimously.

WAAC Business

City Council Budget Session

The City Council Budget Session will be held at 5 p.m. on March 23, 2010 at the City of Williamsburg Municipal Building. Commissioners will meet Julie Phares at the first floor elevators at 4:30 p.m. for a brief meeting prior to the City Council session.

Williamsburg Arts District Meetings

Commissioners attended various discussion groups and a public meeting about the proposed Williamsburg Arts District project and look forward to hearing the resulting report from ArtSpace.

May Meeting

The commission will meet at 9 a.m. on May 11, 2010 at the City of Williamsburg Quarterpath Recreation Center. Commissioners will host the York County Arts Commission for lunch on May 17, 2010.

Liaison Updates

Mr. Tongue reported the WAAC online calendar is current with all events provided to date.

Mr. Kirby reported that he has spoken with Christopher Owen about this year's Shakespeare Festival, and plans are progressing. Mr. Kirby shared promotional literature for the botanical and flower paintings show and exhibition, Nature Illustrated, now through April 6, 2010, at the Williamsburg Regional Library.

Ms. Barry reported Stagelights has a new treasurer.

Ms. Bartlett reported tickets are now available on the Website for the Virginia Arts Festival and Festival Williamsburg.

Ms. Buntrock reported that she is on a marketing committee for An Occasion for the Arts, and a promotional poster has been selected for 2010. She recently completed an art

class at the This Century Art Gallery education center and found the facility to be in constant use and the instruction to be excellent.

Ms. McNeil reported Williamsburg Players has a new President, and the play, *Educating Rita*, will open next week.

Mr. Tongue recently attended a Williamsburg Youth Orchestra concert and was very impressed with the successful mastery of a challenging program. He also recently attended a successful fundraiser for the Williamsburg Symphonia.

Mr. Dubnick reported on the increasing success of the 200-member Virginia Symphony Society of Greater Williamsburg. The number of local concerts at St. Bede's will increase to four this season and a bus is available for transport to concerts at the Ferguson Center.

Mr. Dubnick recently attended a This Century Art Gallery lecture at the Williamsburg Regional Library on impressionist art. Mr. Kirby noted that future lectures are slated with speakers from The Virginia Museum of Fine Art and the Fine Arts Department from William and Mary.

Agenda Items for the May 11, 2010 Meeting

Ms. Weisberg gave commissioners a draft of her compliance summary for the FY2011 grant applications. Commissioners will crosscheck this draft against the 2011 applications to assure it is accurate and that all areas of non-compliance have been correctly identified. This report will aid in compliance discussions for the next budget year.

Ms. Barry will e-mail suggestions for revision of WAAC's online grant application. Commissioners should review these and be prepared to discuss them at the May meeting.

Ms. Barry will complete six years (two terms) of service on the Arts Commission this spring. The Commission will host a farewell lunch in her honor June 8, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Buntrock, Secretary